

## **WEST LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES SAFER GRANT**

**West Lafayette, Indiana- January 3, 2014-** The West Lafayette Fire Department received good news over the holiday when Fire Chief Tim Heath announced that FEMA had awarded the SAFER grant to the department in the amount of \$1,150,000.

The SAFER grant is the largest grant in the West Lafayette Fire Department's history and will allow the department to hire up to seven new firefighters.

"Our training over the last two years has really paid off. I continue to receive compliments from citizens on the tremendous job our department does and am excited to see how this grant will continue to strengthen our department, thus providing an ever safer environment for our community," Heath said.

The goal of the SAFER grant is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies effectively. This will assure communities receive adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

In a pool of 2,500 applicants, the West Lafayette Fire Department was 1 of 300 that received the grant.

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